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McMorris Rodgers Hears Praise from Pentagon for Fairchild Air Force Base

(Washington, D.C.) Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers led a delegation of Spokane business leaders to the Pentagon Thursday for a series of meetings regarding Fairchild Air Force Base. There, they met with top Air Force leaders, including Air Force Chief of Staff, General Michael Moseley.

“I was glad to hear General Moseley indicate that Fairchild AFB will be among the first bases to receive the new KC-45A tanker and that Fairchild AFB will continue to play a critical role in our national security,” McMorris Rodgers said. “I am proud of the role our community plays in supporting Fairchild AFB to ensure it remains a viable asset for protecting our nation here and abroad.”

Greater Spokane Incorporated led a delegation of Spokane-area business and education leaders to Washington, D.C. as part of its annual fly-in where members conducted a number of meetings to discuss issues important to Eastern Washington, including Fairchild Air Force Base.

“Civic leaders are key in providing insight on issues that are important to local communities,” Air Force Chief of Staff General Michael Moseley said. “The support of Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers and community members of Eastern Washington, the dedication and quality of Active Duty and National Guard personnel and the strategic location in the Northwest all make Fairchild AFB very important to the Air Force.”

The group also met with Lieutenant General Craig McKinley, Director, Air National Guard and the Honorable William Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environments and Logistics. “Whether discussing the roles of active duty and National Guard units, housing/facility construction, environmental or land encroachment issues, everyone we met with acknowledged the tremendous support provided by the communities of Eastern Washington,” McMorris Rodgers said.

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